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SUBJECT: MAY 20 HEADS OF DELEGATION DISCUSSION OF OECD
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1. AT MAY 20 HEADS OF DEL MEETING, VAN LENNEP TABLED
FOUR DOCUMENTS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED BY
IMMEDIATE SEPTELS: A. DRAFT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON
RELATIONS WITH LDCE AND COMMODITIES, B. DRAFT MINISTERIAL
DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH LDCE, C. DRAFT COUNCIL
DECISION ESTABLISHING HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES,
AND D. DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION CALLING FOR OVERALL REVIEW
OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH LDCE BY AD HOC GROUP REPOR-
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TING TO COUNCIL. DISCUSSION OF THESE DOCUMENTS WAS

DEFERRED UNTIL HEADS OF DEL MEETING AT 10:30 A.M. MAY

21. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON THESE DOCUMENTS BY
OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 21.

2. REMAINDER OF DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED TO THOSE PARTS
OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WERE CIRCULATED LAST WEEK
(USOECN 12563). POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS SURFACED WITH
REGARD TO PARAS TWO, THREE AND FIVE. VAN LENNEP
EMPHASIZED AT OUTSET THAT PARA TWO CONSISTED OF LANGUAGE
NEGOTIATED AT XCSS WHICH COULD NOT BE MODIFIED WITHOUT
OPENING PANDORA'S BOX LEADING TO INCLUSION OF VIRTUALLY
ENTIRE TRADE PLEDGE COMMENTARY. SWEDES FELT THAT PARA 2
PLACED TOO LITTLE EMPHASIS ON UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM, AND
PROPOSED THAT SECOND HALF OF SECOND SENTENCE BE MODI-
FIED TO READ, ".....WHICH COMBATED INFLATION
WHILE AIMING AT HIGH LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT....." TURKS,
BACKED BY GREECE AND PORTUGAL, ARGUED FOR INCLUSION OF
LANGUAGE POINTING TO SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES WITHIN OECD SIMILAR TO THAT ADDED BY XCSS TO
TRADE PLEDGE COMMENTARY. JAPAN PROPOSED INCLUSION
IN PARA 2 OF REFERENCE TO IMPORTANCE OF MTN. US REP
(KATZ) BACKED JAPANESE ON THIS POINT, AND STATED US
VIEW THAT PARA 2 DOES NOT SUFFICIENTLY EMPHASIZE IMPOR-
TANCE OF TRADE PLEDGE RENEWAL.

3. RE PARA THREE, JAPANESE PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON ADJUST-
MENT POLICIES WHICH WOULD AVOID REFERENCE TO "MORE EVEN
DISTRIBUTION OF DEFICIT." UK PERMREP, ON OTHER HAND,
INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ATTACHED PAR-
TICULAR IMPORTANCE TO LANGUAGE OF PARA 3 AS DRAFTED.
SWEDISH REP WAS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT IMPLICATION THAT ALL
SURPLUS COUNTRIES ARE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATE POLICIES TO
STIMULATE RECOVERY.

4. VIRTUALLY ALL DELEGATES WHO SPOKE OBJECTED TO PARA 5
AS DRAFTED. US REP MADE POINT CONTAINED IN PARA 3,
REFTEL. FRENCH PERMREP, SPEAKING ON PERSONAL BASIS,
OBJECTED TO REFERENCE TO IEA IMPETUS TO OECD WORK ON
ENERGY AS WELL AS TO LANGUAGE ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER
DIALOGUE.

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5. SEVERAL DELS OBJECTED TO ORDERING OF PARAGRAPHS,
GERMAN SUGGESTING SPECIFICALLY THAT TRADE
PLEDGE AND COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO RELATIONS WITH LDCS BE
GROUPED AT BEGINNING AS TWO MOST IMPORTANT ACTIONS
EMANATING FROM MINISTERIAL. VAN LENNEP STATED THAT
ORDERING OF PARAGRAPHS WOULD BE RECONSIDERED FOLLOWING
DISCUSSION OF COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON COMMODITIES, AND

RELATIONS WITH LDCS.
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